

Matches were postponed from the 21st of June until the 21st of September. Owing to large Brigade Camps at Goderich and Sarnia, and various Battalion Camps at other points, held at the same date, the attendance at the Matches was smaller than last year, although five associations have been formed, and affiliated with this Association, since 1869. It is gratifying to remark, however, that the gross receipts for entries, sighting shots, and ammunition, were larger by \$257.42 than the corresponding receipts for last year, and that the expenses were largely decreased, notwithstanding the hire of markers, register-keepers, buglers, &c.—much more expensive items than before the regular troops were removed from the Toronto garrison. Much of the work on the ranges was of a permanent character, and will prove of great use in future matches. A large quantity of serviceable stores were purchased, and a suitable storehouse having been obtained in the Old Fort, through the kindness of the Minister of Militia, it is trusted that in future years the annual expense attending the matches will be still further decreased.

The Imperial stores having been removed from Toronto, and the Association, consequently, being no longer able to borrow camp equipage, it was thought desirable by your Council to purchase a small supply of such stores from the Imperial authorities, and while an opportunity offered of doing so, at a reduced price. A large marquee, 20 tents, 200 blankets, and 50 targets, in addition to a number of rifles to be offered as prizes, were therefore obtained, at a cost of \$1,584. These stores proved of great service during the last matches. They will also be available in County matches; your Council recommending that they be issued on such occasions, on payment of the expense of transportation, and a small charge for wear and tear. The targets, discs, glass, &c., for temporary butts, may also be issued on similar terms.

Your Council have again to record their thanks to the Dominion Government, through the Hon. Sir G. E. Cartier, Bart., Minister of Militia, for the renewal of their liberal grant to the Association. To His Excellency, Lord Lisgar, Governor-General of the Dominion, they are also indebted a third time for the handsome cup, which is made the first prize in the aggregate scores, and which was won by Private Blacklin, 3rd N. B. Militia. To His Excellency, W. P. Howland, C.B., Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, the Association is likewise indebted for the same liberal donation

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